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SENATE BILL 488

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING ONE-HALF CREDIT IN HEALTH FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION; RECONCILING MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS IN LAWS 2001.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-2-8.4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1986, Chapter 33, Section 5, as amended by Laws 2001, Chapter 257, Section 1 and by Laws 2001, Chapter 276, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-2-8.4. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS. --

A. At the end of the eighth grade or during the ninth grade, each student shall prepare an individual program of study for grades nine through twelve. The program of study shall be signed by a student's parent or guardian.

B. Beginning with students entering the ninth grade

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1 in the [~~1986-87~~] 2003-2004 school year, successful completion
2 of a minimum of twenty-three units shall be required for
3 graduation. These units shall be as follows:

4 (1) four units in English, with major emphasis
5 on grammar and literature;

6 (2) three units in mathematics;

7 (3) two units in science, one of which shall
8 have a laboratory component;

9 (4) three units in social science, which shall
10 include United States history and geography, world history and
11 geography, and government and economics;

12 (5) one unit in physical [~~fitness~~] education;

13 (6) one unit in communication skills, with
14 major emphasis on writing and speaking, which may include a
15 language other than English; [~~and~~]

16 (7) one-half unit in health; and

17 [~~(7) nine~~] (8) eight and one-half elective
18 units. Only the following elective units shall be counted
19 toward meeting the requirements for graduation: fine arts,
20 i. e., music, band, chorus and art; practical arts; physical
21 education; languages other than English; speech; drama;
22 vocational education; mathematics; science; English; [~~R. O. T. C.~~]
23 reserve officers' training corps; social science; computer
24 science; health education; American sign language; and other
25 electives approved by the state board.

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